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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

The present application is a continuation of US Application No. 09/750,707 filed 2 January 2001, allowed, which is a continuation of US Application No. 09/544,609 filed 6 April 200, now US 6,199,187 A, which is a division of US Application No. 09/046,705 filed 24 March 1998, pending, which is a continuation of US Application No. 08/679,960 filed 15 July 1996, now US 5,732,208 A. All of the information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior application. Therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of

the listed references are required. Further, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(3)(i), a concise explanation of relevance or translation was submitted in the prior application for each item of information not in the English language, and as indicated in MPEP §609A(3), no separate concise explanation of relevance is required because the relevance of the information does not differ from its relevance as explained in the prior application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-identified application or within three (3) months of the filing date, and is therefore timely, and no Petition or fee is possible or required for this submission.

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